



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 15, 2002

S. 1943

A bill to expand the boundary of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 31, 2002*

S. 1943 would expand the boundary of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia to include an adjacent 115-acre parcel of land. The National Park Service (NPS) would be authorized to acquire the parcel by donation, purchase, or exchange.

Based on information provided by the NPS and the property's owners and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that it would cost between \$1 million and \$2 million over the next year or two to purchase the added parcel. We estimate that additional costs to develop and operate the expanded national monument would not be significant.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On August 14, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3449, a bill to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 24, 2002. H.R. 3449 and S. 1943 are very similar, and the estimated costs of the two bills are identical.

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